

**Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013**  
**Held at the Apartments Bankstown NSW**

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**1. Introduction** – Meeting opened 8.05 AM Saturday and all welcomed by JM.

**2. Present** – John Maher, Debbie Pearson, Amelia Leeman, Joanne Green, Maria Stokes, Sally Cole and Honorary Secretary Ron Gordon. John Maher welcomed the two new directors to the Board.

**3. Apologies** – Kevin Peatey.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**4.1** Minutes of meeting 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were moved as being a true and correct by JG and seconded by DP and all in favour.

**4.2** Minutes of meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were moved as being a true and correct by SC and seconded by AL and all in favour.

**5. Business Arising from Previous Meetings**

**5.1** JG pointed out that Rulebook Portfolio had not been allocated – JG nominated by DP and seconded by AL.

**6. Action Form Items** - JM went through each of the forty items and updated each individual item. RG will delete the completed items and update the remaining outstanding items. Directors should now refer to Update Number 5 dated the 1<sup>st</sup> May for any outstanding and new action items that may refer to them.

**7 Ratification of Motions**

**7.1** Two motions needed ratification by the Board –

**Motion:** That Supreme Halter Horse of the Show be accepted as a point scoring class with the Rule # 5.26 to be amended to include “Supreme Halter Horse of Show: 2 points if 3 or more in class.” Points from this class shall be calculated towards Overall Halter Horse of Australia for End of Year High Point Awards and Lifetime Awards only.

**Moved:** Debbie Pearson

**Seconded:** Amelia Leeman

**In Favour:** DP, AL, JM, And KP

**Against:**

**CARRIED – JG no reply**

**Motion:** The AABA would like to amend the rules to define more clearly who can apply for AABA membership: To be eligible for AABA membership a breeder would be defined as- An AAA Ltd member who has filed mare or stallion returns or has been listed as the breeder on AAA Ltd registration papers or can provide reasonable records to show that one of the above will occur within the same breeding year as the AABA membership is applied for.

**Moved:** Amelia Leeman

**Seconded:** Joanne Green

**In Favour:** AL, JG, JM, DP, And KP

**Against:** 0

**CARRIED**

**Moved JG and Seconded by AL that the above two motions be accepted – carried by all present.**

**8. Presidents Report** – As previously distributed report. Moved by JM and seconded by MS that the report be accepted – carried by all.

**9. Treasurers Report** – JM read out the report. Moved by JM and seconded by JG that the report be accepted – carried by all.

## **10. Office**

**10.1 Office Payroll** – proposal discussed, system will be a direct debit each week, JG will draft up terms that contract provider can provide.

**Motion: Effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 Apprenticepower will provide payroll services to the AAA Ltd and JG will provide contract provisions and that JM will be delegated authority to sign the contract on behalf of the Association.**

**Moved by MS and seconded by SC and carried by all.**

**10.2 NSW Show Dates.** Approval given for NSW Show dates to be the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at SIEC.

**Moved DP and seconded by AL – carried by all.**

Discussion held over a late letter from Sharon Coldwell regarding combining Apparamas with the NSW State shows – it was felt that Clubs cannot afford the costs and therefore not a good idea. There is very little that the AAA can do with the content of this communication and the author should have been directed the request direct to RACs.

**10.3 Bendigo RAC** – Re-assessing the rule re Supreme Champion Appaloosa and Amateur Halter Classes at A Class Shows. The board felt that there are broader issues involved and each director to channel feedback to the RAC Director (MS) with a letter to Bendigo RAC from MS (through JM) for approval.

**10.4 Registration of Unknown Geldings** – no action to take as the horse's identity has been found. The changes to rules 3.6 and 3.7 as submitted by the Office are accepted.

**10.5 Prefix Rule** – transferred to agenda item 22.1 Rulebook.

**Moved by JG and seconded by SC that the office section of the agenda is completed – carried by all.**

## **11. Magazine**

**11.1** SC never received a copy of the magazine draft. Magazine appears to be on a positive note. Some debate over electronic version of magazine versus hard copy – hard copy will remain.

**11.2 Renewal of Contract** – JM has been discussing with Tania. Moved that JM be delegated the authority to negotiate with Tania in regard to another twelve month contract, same prices and number of copies.

**Moved by JG and seconded SC and carried by all.**

Some debate on the lateness of the magazine – Tania is catching up with issues and it is envisaged that the next issue will be closer to the deadline. The objective is to get back to the agreed dates.

**11.3 AABA discussions and advertising concept.** Breeders group wish to place one issue of the magazine on the newsstand and have obtained a quote from Tania Hobbs. The Board feel that it was inappropriate for the group to have contacted the publisher as any negotiations about the Appaloosa Journal are for the benefit of all AAA members and not just for members of the AABA sub group. It was also considered that the suggested financial arrangements are not in the best interests for the AAA Ltd. It was further felt that perhaps not all members of the AABA group are aware of this proposal. The Board requested that AL draft a letter thanking the sub group for their suggestions and ideas; however, this requires much more research and time to explore the idea to its fullest. If they wish to contact the promotional director (SC) about any other promotional ideas we would be receptive to researching and considering those ideas along the AABA sub group.

The AABA need to contact SC regarding the use of AAA logo on all future correspondence and to gain Director Sally Coles approval first in regard to anything promotional for the AAA or AABA.

**Moved by SC and seconded by MS and carried by all.**

**Moved that the Magazine agenda items be accepted – moved by JG and seconded by MS and carried by all.**

## **12. International**

**12.1 – International Report** - it was discussed that dialogue should be entered into between the AAA Ltd and the ApHC. JG to draft a letter for JM to sign to commence this dialogue.

**12.2 International Breeders Representative** - In line with 12.1 the AAA Ltd will contact the ApHC and not a member of the AABA sub group. If such a position is to be accepted then a member of the AAA Board would be the representative.

NB: It has subsequently come to light that Kevin Peatey holds this position.

### **13. National Show**

**13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 The 2013 Nationals** – Preliminary profit for the show appears to be about \$1413. Full details are in the handout supplied by DP.

**13.4 Proposal for 2014 National Show.** Costings were distributed with comparisons between AELEC and SIEC. Other considerations were taken into account such as sponsorships, Tamworth City Council attitude towards the AAA event in comparison to other similar events and very importantly the dates available for the use of the grounds. After much debate it was decided that **SIEC would be the venue for the 2014 Nationals and that the dates would be the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> March.** Currently waiting for date availability at both grounds.

**Moved MS and seconded by AL and carried by all.**

**13.5 Futurities** – programme and payment forms were presented for discussion. It was discussed about changing the futurity from a three payment system to a four payment system of #37.50 each. AL will contact AABA for their input and response by the end of May 2013. AL also to contact AABA about a US Judge for the Futurities.

The meeting was closed at 1:10PM for lunch – meeting resumed at 1:57 PM.

### **14. Website /Online Studbook**

**14.1 Website Report** – JM gave an overview of the online studbook.

**14.2 Report on AAA Forum on Website** – AL gave an overview of the forum, sixty-six members. Directors should get involved as topics do and will pertain to their respective portfolios. There are current discussions on the site such as adding events to the 2014 Nationals, responses to concept papers and so on. Spam members have been deleted and new director's names have been posted. A full detailed report of these issues is contained in the handout distributed by AL.

**Moved JM and seconded by JG that the report be accepted – carried by all.**

### **15. Studbook/AABA**

**15.1 Studbook Report**

**15.2 National Futurity Report** – hard copy report presented and discussed.

**15.3 Outcross Registries Approval** - considerable debate over the greying gene and rules 3.5 and 18. Discussion was also held about roan parentage. As these reports were received very late, and that there are many ramifications involved, the directors were asked to consider the issues involved over the coming weeks. Meanwhile, AL to contact UC Davies and clarify the grey and roan gene test. After this is received and reviewed, the Board will then discuss the issue further.

The Application for Outcross Approval Form has been redrafted and was also discussed and held over.

**15.4 Application for Semen Retention Certificate and Concept**– due to lateness in receiving this item it is also held over for debate.

**15.5 AABA APR Registry Response** – The AABA response was noted – AL to advise the AABA that the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier in the APR will proceed and that we do not accept their recommendation. In regard to the AABA Sponsorship Deal (on the same page as the APR Registry) refer to agenda item 11.3.

Any recommendation from any of the sub groups must complete the approved template in full to ensure that all relevant information is included and to assist the AAA to make an informed decision otherwise the proposal will not be considered by the AAA Board of directors. AL and JG to communicate this directive to all groups.

**Moved by AL and seconded by SC that the Studbook agenda is completed and carried by all.**

## **16. Amateur Association**

**16.1 to 16.5** – report as tabled by DP.

**16.6 Amateur Points on AAA Studbook** – This item is still outstanding and will be done ASAP.

**Moved JG and seconded SC that reports as tabled be adopted – carried by all.**

## **17. Youth Association**

**17.1 to 17.4** – reports as tabled

**17.5 Youth Judging Competition** – This idea is under consideration

**17.6 Youth Fundraising** – 10% of all future monies raised can be retained by AAYA for future USA trips.

**Moved by DP and seconded by JM that the reports as tabled be adopted – carried by all.**

## **18. Regional Clubs**

**18.1 RAC AGM Reports** - Kiara to respond to MS regarding RAC submitting AGM reports to AAA Office.

**18.2 APR notification to RAC** – MS is preparing survey to RAC for their input and to look for feedback from the RACs. After the survey results are digested, a package is to be put together for the RACS to assist in the development of the APR program.

**18.3 RAC Survey and Membership Guide** – MS will conduct the survey to RAC . A pack will be put together for RAC on how to run meetings and the club in general. AAA to advise new members of clubs in their areas – RAC addresses are to be included on the web page.

**Moved by MS and seconded by JM that the reports as tabled be accepted and carried by all.**

**19. Hall of Fame** – general debate on how the system worked.

**Moved by MS and seconded by SC that the report be accepted and carried by all.**

**20. Merchandising** – AL given copies of the work done by KP. 100 Caps are to be ordered at the price listed in KPs paperwork. AL also to investigate other items that could be sold on the web site.

**Moved by AL and seconded by MS that the report be accepted and carried by all.**

## **21. Promotions and Marketing**

**21.1 Report** – SC spoke of the importance that one person should handle corporate sponsors and that all should be co-ordinated by that one person. Each group should respect the others sponsors and not steal them from each other.

**21.2 Communication and Promotional Plan 2013 – 2014** – The need for a monthly newsletter was discussed. A template is available for news items. RAC Director could ask RAC for input and with a date to be set for input these templates should then be sent to SC.

All directors should learn and understand how to do web input of any activity that is from their respective portfolios. Directors should notify SC of any worthy news item.

The plan should not be limited to the western aspects of the industry.

**The Communication and Promotional Plan** – all directors are to read and comment on subject matter and this will be on the next meeting agenda. Any feedback should be sent to SC. Tamara Pearson has done an excellent job in putting this plan together and a letter must be sent to Tamara thanking her for all of her efforts in producing the plan.

**Brochures and Pamphlets** – SC to talk with Tanya about costs and producing these items- it was discussed that one should be done for each section of the Association – such as youth, amateur etc. SC to obtain quotes and each director to do their own drafting for eventual printing.

JG to complete a template regarding a welcome or introduction for new members into the breed –an introduction pack.

**Equitana** - \$3000 in budget. Require three stables. SC to investigate the idea of a “paper run” where spectators visit each stall and get a signature that they visited that stall. Discussions were held as to who

should be at the stall and it was suggested by DP that Sharon Coldwell may be interested as she did a very good job there in the past.

In regard to recouping some costs each stallion owner who uses the facility will have to pay \$100 each. The owners of these stallions need to prepay all fees. SC to discuss the above with DP and Sharon.

**Sportaloosa** – JG to draft a letter to McAuliffe’s for JMs signature with the aim of finding out if there is anything that the Association can do with them or what are their expectations of the AAA Ltd. In other words what would they like the AAA Ltd to do under the current circumstances? Offer the olive branch and see what occurs.

**21.3 Versatile Horse** – the idea was discussed and the concept came out that the word “versatile” does not mean that every horse does every event but rather that the breed has the ability to do many events. The wording “versatility and choice” was popular and could prove to be a smart logo.

**Moved by SC and seconded by MS that all promotional matters are carried – carried by all.**

## **22. Rulebook**

**22.1 Prefix** – The newly drafted prefix rules from the office are to be accepted. **Moved JG and seconded by JM that the prefix rules to be amended as per the new draft and carried by all.**

JG to investigate doing the rulebook as an APP (similar to AQHA) – **Motion moved by JG and seconded by DP and carried by all.**

**22.2 Disclaimer** – Discussions were held regarding the advertising of horses for breeding purposes that are not registered with their appropriate breeding register. The following motion was moved: **Moved by MS and seconded by JG that effective immediately all advertisements in the Appaloosa Journal for horses for breeding purposes are to be registered with the appropriate Australian Association or include an AAA Board of Directors approved disclaimer. – Carried by all.**

A discussion was held in regard to a current horse named ACDC in the Appaloosa Journal. Despite numerous attempts to talk with the representatives of the horse no reply has been received. It was **moved by JM and seconded by JG that the following disclaimer be placed on the advertisement: “At the time of going to print this horse does not hold current AAA Ltd registration” – carried by all.**

**22.3 Discipline Committee-** Three directors were elected to the committee – JG is the chair along with SC and MS.

**22.4 Mandatory annual requirements for RACs** – it was agreed to amend the mandatory requirements for clubs. **Moved by DP and seconded by JG that: Regulation 9.2 para 6 be removed and replaced with “All affiliated clubs must run one show and or other activity i.e. Clinics, trail rides, training day, expo, exhibition, pony club/gymkana, jumping event, organise and implement Appaloosa classes at a local agricultural show each year. Carried by all.**

## **23. General Business**

**23.1 Two Memberships** – DP to check if the memberships for Wells and Garland have been issued. To be referred to next AGM.

**23.2 Amendment to Articles** – RG to word a new paragraph 41a to change from 50 members to 5%. This is to be placed before the next Board Meeting for consideration.

**23.3 APR 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier.**- After much debate it was **moved by JG and seconded by MS that a APR 3<sup>rd</sup> tier be introduced with effect 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 – For the motion: JM, MS,SC. Abstained – DP, JG and AL. A casting vote was held by the chairperson and JM voted in favour and the motion was carried.**

SC to forward to Tania Hobbs an overview of how the APR System works with a possible diagram.

Kiara to attach to registrations a note if the horse is eligible for APR 1, 2 or 3.

**23.4 Office Phone System** – JG to contact Telstra re phone plan and see if there is another plan so that the Association could end the current arrangement and enter into a better/cheaper one.

**23.5 National Reining Association (NRA)** has approached AAA wanting to share some office space. JG to contact Rob Lawson and request that a proposal be forthcoming.

**23.6 Australian Spotted Horse Association** –**Moved by JG and seconded by MS that Jo to write a report outlining the introduction of the ASHA as a separate entity to the AAA Ltd as soon as practical and present to the next Board meeting. Carried by all.**

NB: As a late note to these minutes there is concern that the initial ASHA may get confused with the Australian Stock Horse. Another name has been suggested and that is Spotted Horse Association Australia (SHAA).

Meeting closed at 11:37 AM Sunday

